Supreme Court Judgement regarding date of Birth of Central Government Employees

2516. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the Supreme Court judgement delivered in Brij Mohan Singh *Vs.* Priya Brat Narayan Sinha reported in AIR 1965-Supreme Court p. 282, paras 17—20 holding that in actual life it often happens that persons give false age of the boy at the time of his admission to a school, and declared that it would be improper to base any conclusion regarding date of birth on the basis of the said entry, alleged to have been made upon false information;

(b) if so, whether the same criterion, as declared by the Supreme Court in the case, has been followed by Government in determining the date of birth of Central Government employees in disputed cases;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The date of birth of a person entering service under the Central Government is regulated by the statutory provisions contained in the General Financial Rules, 1963. The Supreme Court judgement, referred to in Part (a) of the Question, was delivered in relation to the age, qualification of a candidate for contesting elections to State Assembly. Since this judgement was delivered in the context of the provisions of Article 173(b) of the Constitution, the criterion given therein does not *ipso-facto* apply to the determination of the date of birth of persons entering Government service.

Hiring of Matador/other vehicles by the M.T.N.L.

2517. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Matador vans and other vehicles taken on Hiring contract from private sources by the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited, Delhi during the last two years and the amount of hiring charges being paid for each vehicle;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the Vehicles are of old models and full capacity services are not available from them;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what efforts are proposed to be made to dispense with the services of old vehicles to avoid losses to the Nigam and to deploy its own vehicles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Approvals for hiring of Ninety-eight (98) vehicles were given during the last two years by the various units of MTNL, Delhi for which hiring charges amounting to Rs. 65,19,574/- were paid.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Restoration of out of Order Telephone Connections in Calcutta

2518. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about ten thousand telephones under the Calcutta Telephones were lying out of order since the 15th July 1989 and the subscribers are not getting any service;

(b) whether efforts of Calcutta Telephones for restoration of connections have been fruitful;

(c) if not, the details thereof and the number of lines lying out of order for